



Guide to DEQ Divisions & Offices

Protecting Michigan's Environment, Ensuring Michigan's Future

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AIR QUALITY DIVISION

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND SERVICES DIVISION

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517-335-2419

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

5th Floor, South Tower
517-241-7427

LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

1st Floor, South Tower
517-373-1170

OFFICE OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1st Floor, South Tower
517-241-1515

OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES

6th Floor, South Tower
517-335-4056

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION

3rd & 4th Floors, South Tower
517-373-9837

WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION

Atrium Level, North Tower
517-335-2690

WATER BUREAU

2nd Floor, South Tower
517-241-1300

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

6th Floor, South Tower

Executive Division 517-373-7917

Office of Administrative Hearings
517-335-4226
(Atrium Level, South Tower)

Office of Business Services 517-241-7427

Office of Civil Enforcement Coordination 517-241-8010

Office of Communications and Education
•Communications 517-241-7397
•Environmental Educ. 517-373-2379

Office of Criminal Investigations 517-335-3434

Office of Financial Management 517-241-8010

Office of Human Resources 517-335-1100

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) protects and enhances Michigan's environment and public health. As stewards of Michigan's environmental heritage, the DEQ works on behalf of the people of the Great Lakes state for an improved quality of life and a sustainable future. In service to the public, we administer programs and enforce laws that protect public health and promote the appropriate use of, limit the adverse effects on, and restore the quality of the environment. We encourage voluntary actions to enhance our natural resources and the environment. We preserve biologically diverse, rare, sensitive, or endangered plants, animals, and ecosystems through identification, education, management, and public/private partnerships and initiatives. We advance environmental protection through innovation and improvements to regulations and programs.

Air Quality Division

The Air Quality Division (AQD) works with business and industry air pollution sources and with the general public to help maintain compliance with statutes that minimize adverse impacts on human health and the environment. Staff work to identify and reduce existing outdoor air pollution problems and to prevent significant deterioration of the air quality through air emission control programs, air monitoring, control strategy planning, permit issuance, and inspection of air emission sources. Contact the **Air Quality Division** at **517-373-7023**.

Environmental Science and Services Division

The Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD) oversees a number of outreach and assistance services leading to improvement in environmental quality, with an emphasis on pollution prevention. The ESSD provides services related to all environmental programs administered by the DEQ. The seven main service areas in the ESSD are compliance assistance, environmental assistance, financial assistance, incentive programs, laboratory services, pollution prevention, and training. Contact the **Environmental Assistance Center** at **800-662-9278** and the **Environmental Science and Services Division** at **517-335-2419**.

Financial and Business Services Division

The Financial and Business Services Division (FBSD) is responsible for providing consistent financial and administrative controls, policy direction, and general operational support throughout the entire DEQ Lansing and field-based organizational structure. FBSD administrative functions supporting all DEQ programs include budget development, financial oversight, accounting, revenue and cashing, federal aid, field operations, human resource management, labor relations, performance management, the MI-360 Evaluation Program, employment law administration, health and safety programs, disability management, soft-skills training, timekeeping and payroll, DEQ-DNR-MDA Leadership Academy, Freedom of Information Act, procurement and contracting, space management, policy and procedure development, strategic planning, records management, and electronic forms management. Organizationally, FBSD consists of three offices: Office of Business Services, Office of Financial Management, and Office of Human Resources. Contact the **Financial and Business Services Division** at **517-241-7427**.

Land and Water Management Division

The Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) administers a variety of programs that help protect sensitive natural resources, including inland lakes and streams, wetlands, floodplains, sand dunes, and the Great Lakes. The LWMD is responsible for promoting the best use of these resources for their social and economic benefits while protecting associated resource values, property rights, the environment, and public health and safety. The LWMD provides technical assistance and regulatory oversight over activities such as dredging or filling wetlands, streams, inland lakes, and the Great Lakes; constructing or dismantling dams; constructing marinas, seawalls, or docks; building in a designated critical sand dune, wetland, or floodplain; and protecting underwater shipwreck resources. Contact the **Land and Water Management Division** at **517-373-1170**.

DEQ Internet Home Page:
www.michigan.gov/deq

Environmental Assistance Center:
800-662-9278

Pollution Emergencies:
800-292-4706

Office of Geological Survey

The Office of Geological Survey (OGS) is responsible for assuring the efficient and orderly development of fossil fuel and mineral resources while protecting the environment, property, and public health and safety. The OGS oversees the locating, drilling, operating, and plugging of wells used for exploration and production of oil, gas, brine, and other minerals, including wells for underground storage and waste disposal. The OGS regulates the operation and reclamation of mines for rock products, metallic minerals, industrial sand, and coal. The OGS also develops and distributes a variety of maps, publications, and data on fossil fuels, minerals, and groundwater for industry and public use. Contact the **Office of Geological Survey** at **517-241-1515**.

Office of the Great Lakes

The Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) was established in 1985 by the Great Lakes Protection Act as the lead agency within state government to develop policies and programs to protect, enhance, and manage the Great Lakes ecosystem. The OGL focuses on toxic and nonpoint source pollution, aquatic invasive species, reviewing diversions of water under the Great Lakes Charter, and habitat protection and restoration. The office manages the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund and implements the state management plan for aquatic invasive species. The Director also represents the state in a number of international and interstate organizations including the International Joint Commission's Water Quality Board and the Great Lakes Commission. Contact the **Office of the Great Lakes** at **517-335-4056**.

Remediation and Redevelopment Division

The Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) administers Part 201, Environmental Remediation; Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks; and portions of Part 215, Refined Petroleum Fund, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). In addition, the RRD manages portions of the federal Superfund program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Together, these four statutes and the related administrative rules guide the RRD's efforts in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout Michigan. The RRD oversees regulated party cleanups, addresses public health and environmental threats at sites of environmental contamination, and facilitates brownfield redevelopment. The RRD also administers the Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant and Certified Professional (QC/CP) Program under Part 215 and the QC/CP rules. Corrective action cleanups required at Part 213 sites must be carried out by a state-certified QC/CP. Further, the RRD coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended. Act 381 provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield sites through tax increment financing. In addition, the RRD manages the Temporary Reimbursement Program for the benefit of certain eligible owners/operators of leaking underground storage tanks who have not completed cleanups. Contact the **Remediation and Redevelopment Division** at **517-373-9837**.

Waste and Hazardous Materials Division

The Waste and Hazardous Materials Division (WHMD) administers a diverse number of prevention programs to protect the environment and the public's health through proper management of hazardous products; solid, liquid, medical, and hazardous waste; and radioactive materials. The WHMD issues licenses and oversees the operation of hazardous and solid waste disposal areas, regulates the activities of hazardous waste and liquid industrial waste generators and transporters, oversees solid waste planning, regulates the hauling and disposal of scrap tires, and operates a grant program to address abandoned scrap tire piles. Radiological protection programs monitor radioactive materials used in medical, educational, industrial, and governmental facilities. The medical waste program regulates the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of medical waste. The storage tank program oversees the design, construction, installation, and operations of certain underground storage tanks and aboveground storage tanks storing flammable and combustible liquids, liquefied petroleum gas, and compressed natural gas for the purposes of fire safety and preventing releases of regulated materials. Contact the **Waste and Hazardous Materials Division** at **517-335-2690**.

Water Bureau

The DEQ water programs establish water quality standards; assess water quality; provide regulatory oversight for all public water supplies; issue permits to regulate the discharge of industrial and municipal wastewaters; and monitor state water resources for water quality, the quantity and quality of aquatic habitat, the health of aquatic communities, and compliance with state laws. The bureau is responsible for plan review and approval for public water supplies, wastewater collection and treatment facilities; campground construction; and public swimming pool construction. Bureau staff assist local health departments with public education, site condominiums, land division and subdivision on-site water supply, sewage disposal issues, and accreditation of local health departments. The bureau also provides oversight to local soil erosion and sedimentation control programs. Well driller/pump installer registration, licenses for transporting septic tank waste, and certificates for registration of water haulers and water hauling containment are provided by the Water Bureau. Contact the **Water Bureau** at **517-241-1313**.